

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 25 to page 12, line 9 in accordance with the following:

The port replicater 80 advantageously includes the multi-bay adapter 84 and the floppy disc connector 85. The multi-bay adapter 84 is formed, for example, as male 64 pins, and connectable to the cable 48 having connector 481 with female 64 pins. The floppy disc connector 85 in the port replicater 80 is formed, for example, as male 26 pins, and connected to a connector (not shown) accommodated in the floppy disc storage part 55 via a cable (not shown) when the expanding unit 70 is a FDD as described later. The storage part 55 has a floppy disc connector inside a lid in FIG. 5. This connector is connected to the floppy disc connector 85 of the port replicater 80 in FIG. 6 through a cable. The bay attachment 50 connects, when thus connected to a FDD as the expanding unit 70 (FIG. 1), the FDD to the notebook PC body 10 via the port replicater 80.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9 to line 16 in accordance with the following:

In response, the control part 56 instructs the ~~music CD reproducer~~ expanding unit 70 to reproduce the music CD. The reproduced audio signal is supplied to the amplifier 32 via the music analog interface 36. Hereupon, the amplifier 32 receives the power on signal P_{ON} from the source circuit 30, not from the bay attachment 50. Information on the reproduction time and the order of tunes etc. on the music CD may be indicated on the LT-LCD 54, but usually indicated only on the display of the notebook PC 10. The amplifier 32 transmits the amplified signal to the speaker 34 by amplifying the audio signal. Thereby, the music CD is reproduced from the speaker 34.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 7 to line 20 in accordance with the following:

The present invention covers a structure that does not use the cable 48. The connection part of the present invention is not limited to the cables 48 and 551. The present

invention covers, for example, a connection structure similar to that between the bay housing 270 and the portable PC 240 in FIG. 9. The connector 95 shown in FIG. 9 may be connected, when the cable 48 is not used, to the connector provided at the lower part in the portable PC 240. The present invention ~~use~~uses, when applied to the structure shown in FIG. 9, the previously provided connector 95 as an interface for the previously provided expanding units. Another and new connector is provided as an interface for the newly introduced expanding unit in the bay housing 270 so as to connect the new expanding unit to the portable PC-~~40~~240. Another connector part that is connectable to the new connector may be provided, as in the connector 95, at the bottom of the portable PC-~~40~~240. Even in this case, the reduction of the number of development steps for the entire apparatus and the appropriation of the conventional equipment would contribute to the reduction of the development cost.